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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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The above-referenced documents are listed on PTO Form 1449. We have enclosed the cited documents to facilitate reference to them.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2) after the first Office Action and before the mailing of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0776 for the fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,


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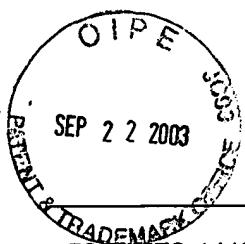
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